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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 20, and ending on page 9, line 2, with the following:

--Plant temperatures and conditions vary, but are generally inferior to the 30°C and 60% relative humidity conditions tested. Therefore, the goal of one embodiment of the present invention is to remove at least 0.1% of the weight of the sensitive component by dry gas storage. This does not correspond to actual drying of the component according to the standard which considers a component dry when it no longer loses water by drying at 125°C. However, removal of at least 0.1% of the weight of the sensitive component should avoid the risk of moisture-induces moisture-induced failure by eliminating a sufficient amount of moisture from a sensitive component when the floor life has expired.--

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